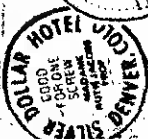
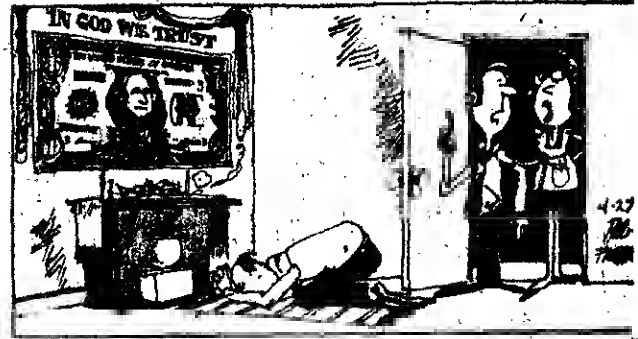


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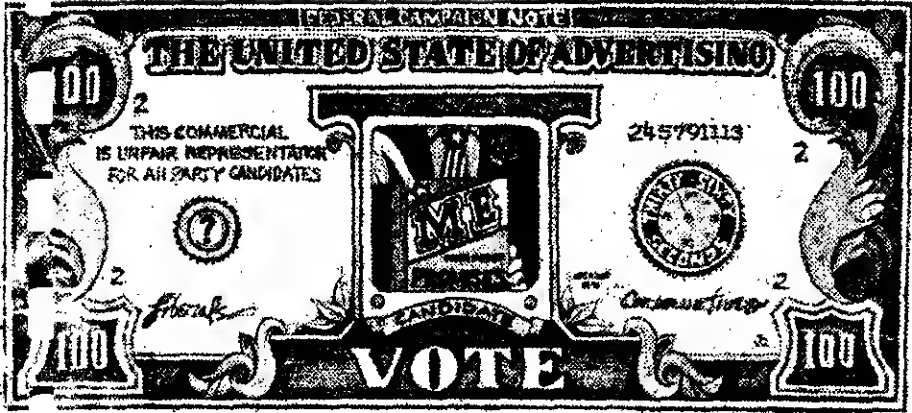


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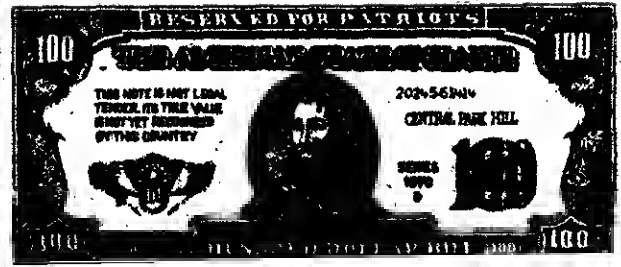


Stamp Takes a Licking

SHARJAH, Persian (AP)—Sheik Khalid Sultan of this Trucial state, plagued by the failure to find oil in his domain, has devalued a commemorative postage stamp to one-eighth of original value. The stamp was issued when a search for oil in the shiekdom began a year ago.



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"Fall 1906"

AUSTRIANS RETAKE CAPITAL

ENGLAND (Lipton): F Wes-Lyo; F Mid-Wes; F Tun & F Bar hold; F NAF & F Tun; A Bro-Gas; A Bur S A Bro-Gas; A St.P S RUSSIAN A Mos.

FRANCE (Nozik): A Mar-Gas; A Spa S A Mar-Gas; A Por S A Spa.

GERMANY (Borman): A Par S ENGLISH A Pic-Bur((sic)); F Hol-Kic; A Sil-Pru;

ITALY (Warden): F Aog-Gro; A Aog-Gro; F Rom-Tyr; F Ion S F Rom-Tyr; F Tyr-Lyo; A Ven not ordered, holds.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Bell): A Rum-Ser, A Bud-Vic; A Tri S A Bud-Vic; F Bul (s.c.) holds.

RUSSIA (Barents): F Sev-Rum; A Gal S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Bud-Vic; A Mos holds; A War-Sil.

The German A Vic is dislodged and annihilated. Underlined moves are not possible. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Bro, Edi, Liv, Lon, Nwy, ITALY: Ank, Con, Gro, Nap, Rom, Smy, St.P, Swc, Tun. (8) Ven. (8)

FRANCE: Mar, Por, Spa. (3) AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bul, Ser, Tri, Vic. (4)

GERMANY: Bel, Ber, Den, Hol, Kic, RUSSIA: Bud, Mos, Rum, Sev, War. (5) Mun, Par. (7)

Germany and Russia may each build one unit. Since Germany may build only in Berlin, and Russia only in Sevastopol, these players are asked to send in their builds immediately, and the other players will be informed by air mail. The deadline for "Spring 1907" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 26 AUGUST 1972. Players may make these moves conditional upon the "Winter 1906" builds.

Bob Lipton and Greg Warden have moved; see p. 12 for information. See p. 7 for information on the game's stand-by.

PHONEY BALONEY (GETTI): The chief of state for this little country declared that no longer would Phoney Baloney tolerate the aggression of PHUMPA upon the steadfast and loyal supporters of the council of Bulls. It declares that Phumpa is a bad ward to use in Phoney Baloney. It is hoped that this action will cause the leaders of PHUMPA to cease all aggression.

PHONEY BALLONEY (GUESSWHO): It has been noted in recent weeks that the small and tiny state of Phumpa has been generally raising hell all over. Well the government of Phoney Balloney has decided that the ungratefeal country will hence to be panished. As ruler of phoney Balloney, H. I. S. Fixcom, has decided to sed in some people for his staff of trussed JAW Breakers. They will be sent to Phumpa to, of cause break JAWS, to silence all the nasty little remarks from this pitance of a so call country, which is in reality nothing more then a figment of The

((Earlier press releases appear on p. 9))

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"Spring 1906"

IM OSTEN NICHTS NEUES

ENGLAND (Trtek): A Edi-Nwy; F Nth C A Edi-Nwy; A Kic-Den; F Por-Mid; A Bel-Hol; F Hol-Hol; A Lon-Bel; F Eng C A Lon-Bel; F Wal-Iri.

FRANCE (Hondry): A Bur-Ruh; A Mar-Bur; F Spa(s.c.)-Por.

GERMANY (Tesser): No move received; A Par holds.

ITALY (Horton): A Pic-Mar; A Ser S RUSSIAN A Bul; F Adr-Alb; F Tun-Wes; F Rom-Tus; F Nap-Ion.

RUSSIA (P. Wood): A Bul & A Sev hold; F Con S A Bul; A Bud-Gal; A War-Gal;

A Mos-St.P; F St.P(n.c.)-Bar; F Bal & A Ber S A Mun-Kie; A Mun-Kie;
A Tyr-Mun.

TURKEY (Drakert): A Rum-Bul; F Aeg & A Gre S A Rum-Bul; F Eas-Smy.

Underlined moves are not possible. The deadline for "Fall 1906" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 26 AUGUST 1972. John Carroll should send in a stand-by move for Germany; see p. 7 for his address. Press releases are also on p. 7.

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"Fall 1905"

ENGLISH SEIZE LOW COUNTRIES

ENGLAND (Abbott): A St.P S RUSSIAN A Mos; F Nwy-Nth; F Nth-Hol; F Eng-Bel;
F Mid S FRENCH A Par-Bre; F Wes-Spa(s.c.); F Tun S F Tyr; F Tyr S
ITALIAN F Nap.

FRANCE (Lipson): A Tus-Ven; A Pie S A Tus-Ven; A Par-Bre; F Mar-Spa(s.c.).

GERMANY (Fong): F Gas-Bre; A Sil-War; A Pic-Par; A Bur S A Pic-Par;
A Mun-Tyr.

ITALY (Ricci): F Nap S A Rom; A Rom S F Nap; A Ven-Tus.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Prosnitz): A Gal-War; A Bud-Gal; A Tri-Ven; A Boh-Tyr;
A Vie S A Boh-Tyr; F Gre S TURKISH F Ion.

RUSSIA (Pearson): A Mos holds.

TURKEY (Osmanson): F Ion-Nap; F Apu S F Ion-Nap; F Rum & A Sev hold;
F Eas-Ion; A Ukr S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Gal-War.

Underlined moves are not possible. The Italian A Ven is annihilated. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Bel, Den, Edi, Hol, Liv, AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Gre, Ser, Tri,
Lon, Nwy, St.P, Swc, Tun. (10) Vie, War. (6)

FRANCE: Bre, Mar, Por, Spa, Ven. (5) RUSSIA: Mos. (1)

GERMANY: Ber, Kie, Mun, Par. (4) TURKEY: Ank, Bul, Con, Rum, Sev, Smy.

ITALY: Nap, Rom. (2) (6)

England may build two new units, and Germany must remove one. (France has no home supply centers available, and thus cannot make a build.) The deadline for these "Winter 1905" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 26 AUGUST 1972. For the stand-bys' names see p. 7.

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

Sometimes it seems a little futile to write satire for this publication. The actual course of events far outstrips anything that could occur to the satirist.

The latest evidence that truth is stranger than satire is an attempt to promote President Nixon for the 1972 Nobel Peace Prize. This amazing display of arrogance seems to have originated in the office of Senator Hugh Scott, the minority leader. (Michael Blaine, Village Voice, 13 July 1972; Mary McGrory, New York Post, 5 August 1972) Scott's press secretary, Robert Hetherington, is putting together evidence to submit on behalf of this claim. "The man has really moved in the direction of closing things off," he says, "I mean, people are still being killed in accidents or crossing the street...It's not exactly the same thing but I do think the war will be significantly scaled down." The hope is to get the award announced, not as usual in February, but in October, just before the election.

Naturally, Scott's seconder is Secretary of Defense Laird. Their line of argument will compare what peaceful Nixon did, to what he might have done - H-Bombs on Hanoi and the rest of it. However, as Ms. McGrory points out, this line of argument puts forth an even stronger claim for Lyndon Johnson!

1972G

"Fall 1905"

RUSSIANS SHATTER ITALIAN DEFENSES

ENGLAND (Lipton): F Lon-Nth [sic; no such unit exists]; F Nat S F Edi-Nrg [sic; no such unit exists]; F Edi-Nrg; F Nth & F Cly not ordered, hold.

FRANCE (Warren): F Bel-Hol; A Mar-Bur; A Gas S A Mar-Bur.

GERMANY (Walker): A Mun-Kie; F Hol S A Mun-Kie; A Ruh S A Mun-Kie; A Bur-Mun.

ITALY (Childers): F Apu-Adr; F Ion-Alb; F Tyr-Ion; A Tyr-Boh; A Vie S A Tyr-Boh; A Tri S A Vie.

RUSSIA (Attoberry): F Nrg-Nat; F Ska-Nwy; F Kie S FRENCH F Bel-Hol; A Den & A Ber S F Kie; A Boh-Vie; A Gal S A Boh-Vie; A Ser-Tri; A Bud S A Ser-Tri; F Bul(e.c.) holds; A Rum S F Bul(e.c.); F Arm-Ank.

TURKEY (Blandin): F Aog-Gro; A Ank S A Con; A Con S A Ank.

Underlined moves are not possible. Germany must retreat A Bur-Par or A Bur-Pic, or remove that unit. Italy must retreat A Vie-Tyr or remove that unit, and A Tri-Tyr or A Tri-Ven or remove that unit. (Naturally, these two armies may not be retreated to the same space.) The directions of these retreats should be sent in at once to the Gamesmaster, who will inform the other players. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Edi, Liv, Lon. (3)

FRANCE: Bel, Mar, Por, Spa. (4)

GERMANY: Bro, Hol, Mun, Par. (4)

ITALY: Nap, Rom, Tun, Ven. (4)

RUSSIA: Ber, Bud, Bul, Den, Kie, Mos,

Nwy, Rum, St.P, Ser, Sev, Swe, Tri,

Vie, War. (15)

TURKEY: Ank, Con, Gro, Smy. (4)

Russia may build three new units, and Turkey and France may each build one. Italy must remove two units if none were removed after dislodgement. Players may make their builds contingent upon the directions of the retreats. The deadline for "Winter 1905" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 26 AUGUST 1972. For information on stand-bys, see p. 7.

Bob Lipton is now back at his Long Island address. Mike Childers has a new phone number: 713-822-5290.

ROMA (CS NEWSERVICE): A military junta has taken over the Italian government after the resignation of the previous governmental leaders. The takeover was a brilliant coup led by a total unknown. So unknown that even now his name is not known. He goes by his title - Speaker for THE SEVEN. Just who or what the Seven are no one knows; though many speculate that they are the real power behind the take over.

VIENNA (CSNS): A new commander has taken over the Italian army here. The change has made a noticeable improvement in Italian morale and training. The new commander appears to be Negroid. It is hard to tell as he keeps to himself a great deal. His features are not Negroid but his skin color is truly black. It is reported that he has numerous secret agents at work in the area some of which rumor says are not now human.

BERLIN (12 May 1905): Kaiser Friedrich II today was given a thorough briefing on the current war situation by the High Command. After the briefing, His Majesty was observed buying steamship tickets to Florida. "Alas for Germany," His Majesty was heard to mutter, "so near to Russia and so far from the United States."

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LATE NEWS IN 1972A: Scott Huddleston will be on vacation in California for 3 weeks. Therefore, the next two German moves in that game will be played by a temporary substitute: Peter Ansoff, Box 5798, Station B, Vanderbilt University, Nashville Tenn. 37235.

IN DARKEST SIBERIA WITH JOHN AND ROD, or, SOME KENNAN, SOME CAN'T

Part II

When we left Our Heroes, John and Rod were plodding through the trackless wastes of United States interventionist policy in the Russian Civil War of 1917-20. Attempting to reconstruct the crime, John claimed that the United States was an accomplice in the effort to rape the Russian Revolution. On the contrary, Rod said that Great Britain, France, and Japan were the criminals, and that the United States were merely advising Russia to "lie still and enjoy it". As we rejoin them, Rod is sending a succession of letters containing exhibits designed to prove his point. John is taking the exhibits and entering them to prove his case.

Walker's letters are in quotation marks, and my comments are in double parentheses. The first part of this discussion appeared in GRAUSTARK #270.

((29 April 1972)) "Again I repeat, if you wish to discuss an academic problem, try using some academically respectable sources. Whatever you've been mucking around in can't even get its dates right."

((Walker's objection here is chiefly to The Great Conspiracy by Michael Sayers and Alfred E. Kahn. This book, though written in a flamboyant style, is copiously documented from just the sort of 'academically respectable sources' that Walker demands. As far as I know, the only error of import in it is the authors' contention that the Tukhachevsky letters were genuine. Only years after the writing of this book, 1946, did it come out that they were forgeries engineered by Reinhardt Heydrich to make it appear that the Soviet General Staff was in cahoots with Hitler..)

((The reason that "the Sayers & Kahn book is not taken seriously in the academic community" is that it does not endorse the Sinister-Monolithic-International-Communist-Conspiracy viewpoint that until recently was dominant in academic circles.))

((23 May 1972)) Re: the Siberia thing (#264). What is there to respond to? You are not interested in truth. You are merely interested in bolstering a preconceived polemical position without any regard to whether it is right or wrong or what. Any fool can run through miscellaneous books and yank stuff out of context." ((These last three words are a favorite resort of a man bested in argument on the evidence.)) "Any toady-bopper can do that, and your methods are no better. Nor is your position on the matter. You may or may not be a good physicist, but you are no historian, so why pretend?

"The fact of the matter is indisputable clear. The Allied Intervention in Siberia was decided upon by England, France, and Japan over the objections of Wilson. He agreed to it only after it was clear that it would take place anyway, partly to preserve the unified front of the Allies (although the U. S. was only an 'Associated Power') and partly to make sure that he had some hand in preventing a partition of Russia. Every scholar who has examined this question has come to the same conclusion: Unterberger, Kennan, Fischer, White, Link, Filene. Even Gordon Levin and Arno Mayer, the leading revisionist historians, have had to conclude that Wilson's antipathy for Bolshevism made it impossible for him to counter Anglo-Japanese imperialism by supporting Lenin's government (as Bullitt had recommended), and that he was therefore forced to employ American power directly, and in Russia, for this purpose. This conclusion is, I believe, quite accurate. Wilson did not want a partition of Russia, and he had only two ways of preventing it: aid the Bolsheviks or interpose American power in such a way as to seem to be cooperating with the Allies but in fact interfering with them. He was in no mood to take the former course, not only because he despised the Bolsheviks, but because he could not afford to break up the anti-German alliance over an issue of marginal importance but on which the French were adamant.

"I realize that this does not fit your preconceived notions of what happened. The least you can do is follow Mark Twain's dictum of getting your facts straight before you distort them according to your pleasure. Your problem is that you view history in the same way Anthony Comstock viewed literature and art. I am truly sorry for you.

((10 June 1972)) "No doubt you are capable of taking whole pages out of context. In the Siberian case, you seem to be sticking to sentences and paragraphs. Nothing you have quoted casts the least light on Wilson's motivations, and the inferences you have drawn

are usually incorrect.

"I believe you should learn to distinguish between the North Russian and the Siberian affairs. American forces in North Russia were entirely under British command, and were in the area upon the invitation of the Arkhangel'sk and Murmansk soviets - governmental bodies which even Lenin recognized as legitimate until they decided to oppose him."

((As Walker and I have both pointed out, the basic elements of American policy in the Russian intervention were laid out in President Wilson's memorandum of 17 July 1918. They included a support of the Czech Legion against its enemies - which in practice at that date meant the Bolsheviks, since the Czechs had just seized Vladivostok from the Bolshevik government. At that time the Czechs were working with Admiral Kolchak's counter-revolutionary government, variously seated at Samara, Omsk, or wherever the Bolsheviks hadn't come yet. General Graves, in charge of the Siberian operation, gave the memorandum a very restrictive interpretation, and when the State Department told him to support Kolchak, he replied that he was under the jurisdiction of the War Department. (See GRAUSTARK #264 for this material.) Colonel Stewart, who commanded the 339th Regt. in North Russia, did not interpret his orders quite so rigorously, and turned the whole operation into an anti-Bolshevik crusade.

• ("The Bolsheviks...were the real opponents of the Czechs in Siberia" - Kennan, p. 401. See also FR, pp. 262-3.)

"As for Woodrow Wilson - his stand on "peace" is well known. It is obvious that you are not disposed to understand that complex and in part self-contradictory man. His attitude toward Negroes is about what one would expect from a Virginian in the early 20th century. If you wish to apply the mores of the 1970s to the 1910s, be my guest. I'm sure the moral superiority of hindsight must give you a feeling of innate omniscience. Why, pray tell, should Woodrow Wilson be a friend of Socialism? Why should any American with half a brain have any truck with the half-baked fancies of Marx? I suppose that next you will discover, with surprise and alarm, that Franklin Roosevelt was no friend of Communism.

"Your ardent determination to discredit Woodrow Wilson is a bit behind the times. Wilson's short-comings have been more than adequately covered in the literature. He was a vain, egocentric, inconsistent pseudo-intellectual whose judgment was not 1/10 so good as he thought it was. So what? Big deal. Give the man a big cigar for finding out what Henry Cabot Lodge knew 60 years ago.

"In so far as the quotation you claim is from Baker - I have never said the quotation was not genuine. It is quite real. It's just not from Baker. The fact that Sayers & Kahn said that it is should give you some idea of the quality of their research. Their book is a poor one precisely because it is of no more worth than the Sisson Documents. It is full of bad research, quotations out of context, non sequiturs, and much nonsense. Your willingness to believe them is simply more proof for P. T. Barnum."

((When I attributed the first quote on p. 8 of GRAUSTARK #264, it was not because Sayers & Kahn said it was by Baker, but because I misread the authors' statement that Baker had handed the memorandum to Graves.

514 Actually, they point out that Wilson had written it. Could this mean that Walker has not read the Sayers & Kahn book that he has been bad-mouthing so vigorously in the course of this controversy?))

"...There is, as you well know, no 'explicit US pledge to partition the Soviet Union'. There never has been. Your so-called 'evidence', the law which sets up 'Captive Nations Day', proves nothing. I can understand why you keep pursuing this fiction, but please don't expect me to swallow it."

((Public Law 86-90, passed by Congress in 1959, delineates the regions into which the USSR is to be partitioned. Every year on the anniversary of its passage it is reaffirmed and commemorated by the US government. The USSR, naturally, regards it as an important proof of the aggressive intent of the US towards their country. What would be the effect in this country of a decree of the Supreme Soviet that the US be partitioned among Mexico, Cuba, the Kingdom of Hawaii, the Republics of Texas, California, and Indian Stream, and a couple dozen Indian tribes?))

((4 August)) Still grasping at straws, I see. Now that you have found out that the "Baker" quote was by Wilson, let me give you its real name. It is part of the "Aide-Memoire" ((translated into English as "memorandum" in Part I of this colloquy)) which Wilson wrote on Siberia. It had nothing to do with North Russia, so your fantasies about how it might be interpreted on the Murmansk front barely qualify as useless.

Now, as to your apparently favorite line, about "joining their Slavic kinsmen". Yes, indeed. Wilson meant, as the context and relevant ((sic)) documents make clear, the so-called "Slavic Legion" on the Western front. He did not mean the Kolchak forces, as the documents of the period also show - Wilson was adamant that the Czechs must move east.

((At the time the cited memorandum was written, the Czechs had just seized control of Vladivostok. "Move east"? Swimming is not an accomplishment much cultivated in landlocked Czechoslovakia.))

If you believe Semyonov (or Kalmykov) worked for Kolchak, or was even considered as working for Kolchak, you're crazy. He established his own "independent" government (at Chita and elsewhere). Kolchak hated Semyonov and constantly intrigued to get rid of him. ((Eisenhower wasn't too fond of Patton and Montgomery either.)) And if you think Ungarn-Sternberg typifies anything but Ungarn-Sternberg, you are also crazy. Your willful misinterpretations of history are pathetic - but funny.

STAND-BYS

With the sole exception of 1972A, all the new games started about 7 or 8 months ago have used up all their stand-bys. New volunteers have come in, and an updated list of stand-bys is needed. First stand-bys for games now in progress are:

1971BG: Larry Fong, P. O. Box 11090, Oakland, Calif. 94611; 415-893-5941

1971EB: Mark Thomas, 470 Johnston Dr., Watchung, N. J. 07060; 201-755-4458

1971EC: John Leader, P. O. Box 1606, Huntsville, Ontario

1971EF: John Carroll, 26 Nafus St., Pittston, Penn. 18640; 717-655-0913

1972A: Michael Stroz, 106 W. Roosevelt Ave., New Castle, Del. 19720;

302-328-7052

1972E: David Ayres, 2214 E. 3rd, Spokane, Wash. 99202

1972G: Payton D. Turpin, 4834 Bram Ave., Bonita, Calif. 92002

1971EE - PRESS RELEASES

MOSCOW: The first annual Russian "Tell a Hun-Joko Contest" has finally ended and after five long years of deliberation the judges have selected the winner:

Question: "Where do Germans go for a vacation?"

Answer: "Germany."

MUNICH: Reports from the Russian Command in this city state that the maintenance of a garrison here has become all but impossible. Most troops have been evacuated due to the stench of rubbish and the danger of rat bites, items that seem to have been taken for granted by the past populace. "No wonder they were so eager to leave and go to France," one of the army's Generals was heard to say. "I haven't run into anything like this since the last time I was in Berlin."

LONDON: As a constitutional crisis loomed between Parliament and the monarchy, King George Stevens conferred at his West End lodge with his legal counsel, Algonquin J. Calhoun. The monarch, who has assumed the title 'Kingfish', was reportedly planning a devious scheme:

Calhoun: So ya see, Kingfish, we gots wha' ya calls a constipational monahky. Dat means you do figgerhead.

Kingfish: Ah don' cah 'bout dis constipational malahky, and ah'm not goin' to spon' my time figg'rin' heads!

Calhoun: But dey can make ahguments ad linoleum 'gainst ya. Dere's

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THE DIPLOMATIC POUCH

WILLIAM F. DEBERG, WO, OPS Dept., 485-42-1621, USS Oklahoma City (CLG-5), FPO San Francisco, Calif. 96601 ((7 June)): I have recently joined The Diplomacy Association. In my letter requesting membership I mentioned that replicas of the diplomatic crests printed on stationery or made up as rubber stamps would add much of an authentic air to playing the game. Mr. Beshara recommended that I write you as "a pro in that area".

The problem for me is one of locating samples suitable for photo copy of the authentic diplomatic stationery of each country in the pre-1914 period. My sources here aboard ship are limited.

It would be desirable to design the crests using the original patterns yet leave some means of permitting each player to add some motto or personal touch to set him apart and avoid any possible conflict over copyright or possible confusion between games.

To reduce cost it would be desirable to have the crests suitable for making into rubber stamps for envelopes or persons like myself who do not have access to printing facilities.

Any assistance you can give me in locating suitable copies of the original crest would be greatly appreciated. If I do manage to come up with a workable system I will submit it to The Diplomacy Association in article form for general player comment.

((I have already made what answer I can to W. O. DeBerg's query, and ask other readers of GRAUSTARK to do the same.))

JOHN PIGGOTT, Jesus College, Cambridge, CB5 8BL, England: The ((postal code)) system is being phased in over a number of years, and I think Beaconsfield ((where Hartley Patterson lives)) will be one of the last places to get one. It may interest you to know that London postal clerks are being advised to ignore the post codes of incoming letters for the moment, instead to use the old postal district designations which are far simpler to use.

((The Canadian postal code system is also being introduced region by region, by contrast with the US ZIPCode system which was installed everywhere at the same time.))

PAUL J. WOOD, 24613 Harmon, St. Clair Shores, Mich. 48080 ((25 July)): Thanks for plugging our convention - it was very successful. We had 35-40 people in attendance and managed to meet a lot of new people, including the infamous Herb Barents.

Also thanks for replying to my letter; I don't know where you find all the time. As usual, you presented some very good arguments, but I still have to go along with McGovern. I just can't believe that he offers no alternatives. And even so, any change should be tried. I can't believe that you think they're the same either, really. And any detraction from McGovern merely helps Nixon; the help is going in the wrong direction.

I haven't had time to work out any of the FREEDONIA contests, but thanks for one bit of information. I never really knew what Firesign Theatre meant on their second album when they said "So the President of the United States name really is Schickelgruber". Your connecting it with Adolf enabled me to look it up and finally find out.

((I feel old.))

SCOTT HUDDLESTON, Box 4480, Station B, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn. 37235 ((13 July)): Two weeks is often insufficient to carry on all the necessary negotiations, so your games will involve more phone negotiations and calling in of orders than most. Accordingly, I think it would be desirable for players to know exactly when you will be reachable, and when possible, when you won't be (I notice you have done this before). It might help if, perhaps, you periodically published your hours on Friday night and Saturday morning... Despite my complaints, you are doing a basically very good job of GM'ing, and I am enjoying playing in your game.

((Thanks. First, my home telephone is 212-OX 3-1579. Even if I am not home on Friday night, there will usually be someone around to take calls until midnight. I get up Saturday morning at about 9. (All times are Eastern, of course.)

((My office telephone is 780-5445. However, I am not going to be there evenings next semester, nor any later Friday afternoons than I can help it. In the fall semester I may also be teaching classes at the downtown extension, which will mean another phone number.

((Finally, if I am not at home on Friday evening I am most likely to be at the gam-

ing session at Simulations Publications, publishers of Strategy & Tactics and Moves. If so, then I can be reached at 673-4103. However, do not call this number unless I cannot be reached elsewhere. It is for use only on Friday evenings after 6. And if I'm not there, don't leave a message, because it won't reach me before press time.))

JOHN CARROLL, 26 Nafus St., Pittston, Penn. 18640: For the sake of newcomers to postal Diplomacy like myself, could you please explain the relationship between science-fiction fandom and diplomacy and wargaming? I was surprised to find out that I wasn't the only person afflicted with those wierdo hobbies. Also, who is Bangs Leslie Tapscott?

PS: I know that you reported Nixon throwing out the first gust of wind for the Hurricane season, but can we really blame Agnes on him?

((If Agnew, why not Agnes?

((Besides, didn't you know the government is going in for weather control as a means of warfare? And you know what conservative Republicans think about the eastern seaboard.

((There seem to be a great many people involved simultaneously in science-fiction fandom, wargaming, and/or Creative Anachronism. All three hobbies require a very active imagination and a liking for the out-of-the-ordinary. Also, they involve attempts to fulfill a wish either that history had taken some other course in the past, or that it will be jolted out of its present ruts in the future.

((To answer your other question, this publication is not edited under the supervision of Bangs Leslie Tapscott.))

1971EC - PRESS RELEASES

FAGVILLE (GOLLY): IT has been rumored for some time that the Queen of England is a drag Queen. When She Showed up at this town, the truth was plainly seen.

GONANDONG (GOSH): Herberts halfwit Lipless the speechless made his first appearance in forty days and forty nights When he told a crowd that he was the Queen of ENGLAND. At which the Applauded on cue.

THE SEA WHOSE NAME WE ALL KNOW AND LOVE (BETYA): The Dutch Boy was Able to speak This much in ENGLISH today. "Dutch Boy Paints Cover the earth" meanig is still being de-beamed by the Mystics of YAYA!!

PHONEY BALLONEY (GUESS WHO): It has been noted in recent weeks That the Small and tiny State of Phumpa has been generally raising hell all over. Well The government of Phoney Balloney has decuded That The ungracefeel cauntry will have to be punished. As ruler of Phoney Balloney, H. I. S. Fixcm, has decided to send in some people from his staff of trussted JAW Breakers. They will be sent to phumpa to, of cause break JAWS, to silance all the nasty little remarks from This Pitance of a so call country, which is in reality nothing mare then a frgment of The peeass, which of course is used only for certain dirty activies of the malch and body. Can it be the end of the waild is near?

HELLESPOINTER (HOT): AS Hasha speed up, up, up, AWAY, And yet further up he hit the top an fell, down, down, down, into the inner crust of the earth. Where some good Smyrtharths started picking on him, Hence we hear.

"Oah? - Stop Picking on me. I'm Always picked on. I just got screwed out of being finished A while ago, I..." on he goes. At which point The Smyrtharths are joined by 25 guyfards; of which old Hasha Hisha has them All Laughing, crying and in other waye blowing their minds.

After which they blew out HASHAS.

MASONOPOLIS, PHUMPAH (IDUNNO): Kelvin the Swede hae composed a national anthem the title is 'Oh, Phumpha!'. The words are "Oh, Phumpha," repeated ad infinitum.

POLIUTIDAR (URRP): The anti-war cavegirl leader Pil the Promiscuous One today invaded the Representative Diet and charged that the Mahar Air Force was bombing dikes in Holland as part of its campaign against the Outer Crust. When the Minister of Preparedness for War and Dinner denied the charge, Pil retorted, "That's a lie! Here's one of the bombed dikes to prove it!" In staggered a Dutch woman later identified as Geertrud van Geij, who waved a bottle of schrapps, leaned on Pil, and cried, "Donder und blitzen, budt I'm bombed. Shay, baby, you look kinda cudte!"

MASONOPOLIS, PHUMPHA (IDUNNO): Umberto the last returns to Phumpha, announcing that all attempts to negotiate with the 'casr' were unsuccessful. The 'casr', whenever contacted was completely unintelligible. And if he's unintelligible to a Phumphan, imagine how he'd be to someone with intelligence.

BOTTOMLESS PLUNGEHOLE, MEROAKIA, PHUMPHA (JUNKS): A strange beast was trapped today by the expedition to wipe out Pollutidar. Despite the Phumphan's gentleness, the prisoner broke down, screamed that all Jukans (?) would avenge it, and tried to bite Robert of Abalone. The prisoner died of natural causes soon afterwards.

Note: We need the following replacements: Ten thumb screws, one rack, one bed of nails, one wheel, and six cases of coke.

AMIOCAP, POLLUTIDAR (URRP): While enlarging the Royal Pantry, the subjects of the Coripi chieftain Glut broke through to a strange tunnel that seems to plunge into the bowels of the earth. His Inferial Majesty's Corps of Sappers was summoned to see whether this cavern might be of use in the war against the people of the Outer Crust.

The cave-man Flth the Dirty One, Sappiest of the Corps of Sappers, examined the hole and concluded that it would be no help in the war. "This hole would emerge in a part of Europe, or maybe Australia, which is totally without strategic importance. No useful purpose would be served in exposing the highly civilized races of Pollutidar to the savages who infest the regions where this hole emerges."

Glut was not impressed. "Dat Jukan musta got out dis way," he grumbled. "Just when I had my fangs set fer sweet an' sour Jukan."

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no way dey goin' ta let you run de country.

Kingfish: Now lemme see - no, dat outa de question - if - I got it! We gonna staht a wa' wit' Russia! Yessir, dat's it!

Calhoun: Ah, 'scuse me, Kingfish, but ah feels de need o' takin' a showah-

Kingfish: Now, hol' on dere, Calhoun! You my right-han' man! You can't go!

Calhoun: Well, why don' you try ta be amphidextrose an' 'see if you can't get a lef'-han' man, 'cause I am goin' out deat do'.

Kingfish (looking upward wistfully): Well, den, Ah guess ah'll haf ta keep all de Romanoff jewels ta myself.

Calhoun (quickly turning around): What jewels?!

Kingfish: Why, don' ya remembers yo' hist'ry, Calhoun? De great Romanoff jewels, fust held by Putrid de Great! When we takes over Russia, we gets - ah, sorry - Ah gets dese jewels.

Calhoun: Ah, Kingfish, consid'ring de monetary remunerations, ah've changed mah mind. Now, whe' did ya say day ahmy was goin' ta go?

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SMYRNA: Turkish government suggests that the governments of Italy and France make up their minds as to just what they want to do. They have both been very wishy-washy this whole game. It looks like Italy is going to wash again as it turns to southeastern waters. I hope it has not chartered this course of action. If it has, please remain wishy-washy and change your mind again, especially after seeing my moves and condition.

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"Fall 1906"

ANGLO-FRENCH ALLIANCE BADLY FRAYED

ENGLAND (Birsan): A St.P-Mos; E Bal-Ber; A Kic S F Bal-Ber; F Fin-Bot;
F Hol-Bel; F Nth-Eng; F Nrg-Nat; F Swe-Den; F Nwy-Nth.

FRANCE (Holcombe): A Tyr-Vic; A Boh S A Tyr-Vic; A Mun S RUSSIAN A Ber;
 A Ruh-Bel; A Bur S A Ruh-Bel; F Tyr-Tun; F Nap-Apu; F Eas S ITALIAN
 F Smy.

ITALY (Brooks): A Ven-Tri; F Ion-Aeg; F Smy S E Ion-Aeg.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Drakert): F Con-Bul(s.c.); A Gre S F Con-Bul(s.c.); A
 Alb S A Tri; A Vic S A Tri; A Tri S A Vic; A Bud-Rum.

RUSSIA (O'Neil): A Arm-Smy; F Ank-Bla; A War-Mos; A Ber holds; F Liv-Bal.

TURKEY (Hawley): A Syr-Smy.

Underlined moves are not possible. Austria-Hungary retreats A Vic-Bud, A Vic-Gal, or removes the dislodged unit. This retreat or removal should be sent in with the "Winter 1906" moves, which may be made conditional upon it. Players should note that if the retreat is A Vic-Gal, Austria-Hungary gets a build in the winter, but A Vic-Bud will make a build impossible. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Den, Edi, Hol, Kic, Liv, ITALY: Nap, Smy, Tun, Ven. (4)

Lon, Nwy, St.P, Swe. (9)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Bul, Con, Gre,

FRANCE: Bel, Bre, Mar, Mun, Par, Rum, Ser, Tri. (7)

Por, Rom, Spa, Vie. (9)

RUSSIA: Ank, Ber, Mos, Sev, War. (5)

France, Italy, and Austria-Hungary (see above) may each build one new unit. The last Turkish unit is removed, since Turkey has lost its last supply center. The deadline for these "Winter 1906" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 26 AUGUST 1972. See p. 7 for information on stand-bys.

RUHR: Puzzled by the recent English buildup adjacent to Belgium, the French government has directed available army units to insure that the province is not molested.

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ANGLO-GERMAN MANEUVERS MISUNDERSTOOD

In the last issue, the rather unusual German move "F Nth C A Bel-Hol" was misread as "F Nth S A Bel-Hol". Accordingly this move, listed as an attack, is just a maneuver, and the Anglo-German alliance is still intact. Positions of units are as follows:

ENGLAND (Lipson): F Bel, F Cly, F Wal, F Nwy.

FRANCE (Powell): F Eng, F Bre, F Mar, F Spa(s.c.).

GERMANY (Huddleston): A Hol, F Nth, F Nrg, F Swe, A Kic, F Den, A Pru,
 A Gal.

ITALY (Tretick): A Tus, F Tun, F Nap.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Honig): A Apu, A Ser, A Vic, A Tri, A War.

RUSSIA (De Prisco): A Rum, A Mos, A Livonia, A Fin, F Bar.

TURKEY (Murray): A Bud, A Bul, F Alb, F Gre, F Ion.

The deadline for "Fall 1905" moves is re-set to NOON, SATURDAY 26 AUGUST 1972. If you plan to stand by your moves as already submitted, please let me know.

For information on stand-bys see p. 7. A press release appears on p. 10.

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John Loeder corrects information given in an earlier issue; he will be unreachable at his present address for 10 days after 23 August. Elliot Lipson will be on the move for the next few days. His Denver address is no longer valid, but on 18 August he will stop at the British Columbia Automobile Assn., 845 Burrard St., Vancouver, BC to pick up his

mail. (The words "TOURIST MAIL - PLEASE HOLD" should appear on the lower left-hand corner.) From 28 August to 4 September he will be at Nelson Lake Lodge, Route 3, Hayward, Wisc. 54843. After that date his official address will be HDQS, US Army Materiel Command, ATTN: AMCSA-BC (MAJ Elliot S. Lipson); Washington, D. C. 20315

Grog Warden writes from Italy that since 8 August his address has been Villa il Cedro, Borgo San Lorenzo, Firenze, Italy. On 22 August he will be back at his New Hope, Penn. address.

Bob Lipton is now home on Long Island

1971BG

"Winter 1904"

COMBATANTS CONTEMPLATE THE VIRTUE OF SILENCE

Following "Fall 1904" moves, England retreated F Nat-Cly.

FRANCE (Latin): No removal received. F Nat disbanded.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Berman): No build received.

TURKEY (Nierenberg): No build received.

The deadline for "Spring 1905" moves is 6 PM, MONDAY 21 AUGUST 1972. Players should note Elliot Lipson's new addresses (see above) and the address of the stand-by (see p. 7). There is a fairly strong possibility that the stand-by will be called upon. Players will be informed of any deadline delays necessitated by this step under the Gamesmaster's house rules.

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

The last issue of GRAUSTARK offered disquieting reports of what happens to those petitions people sign, after they're turned over to governmental agencies. However, confirmation was not expected so soon. It now develops that the FBI is investigating people who signed a petition to put the Communist ticket on the ballot in Ohio. (New York Daily World, 9 August 1972) This information comes from James Marsh, Assistant for Elections to Ohio's Secretary of State. The FBI is apparently unaffected by the fact that they have no jurisdiction to investigate state election procedures.

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"A Los Angeles company is now selling a 'Women's Lib' playing card deck, called 'Queen High Equality'. The Queens are the Kings in the deck, and the Jack is a princess called 'Jackie'." - Leonard Lyons, New York Post, 7 August 1972. But in traditional German decks the ace is a woman!

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"McGovern to Eagleton:

'What do you mean trying to cover up a thing like that

- your name isn't Kennedy!'"

- Harry F. Manogg